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As we all know it has been one hot and humid summer. There are many ways to deal with it. Head to the beach or hang out by the pool. If you're a vintage snowmobiler, you may have gone to the White Mountains of New Hampshire. The weekend of July 16 and 17 the Snow Drifters of Lancaster NH hosted the eleventh annual National Vintage Championship Show. With the temperatures in the low eighties and no humidity it was a pleasant break from the hot sticky weather of Pennsylvania.

Paul Crane (the unofficial grandfather of New England snowmobiling) and his group of volunteers did a great job of transforming the fairgrounds into one great vintage show. With more than two hundred vintage sleds and related items such as a half dozen old tracked grooming machines, vendors and swappers filled the fields with everything one would need to enjoy the vintage hobby. Did I mention the food wagons?

Pennsylvania was well represented at the show, as were states from New England, the Mid-West and Canada. The folks from PA brought home their share of the awards. John Notchick of Simpson PA placed three winners: 1st place 1963 450 Arctic Cat pre 1967 restored rear engine, 3rd place 1966 OMC unrestored pre 1967 front engine, 3rd place 1972 Johnson unrestored trail sled 1967-1973. Congratulations John.

Vince Dieter of Walnutport PA won a 1st place with a 1969 Scorpion in the unrestored tunnel mount race sled 1967-1975. Congratulations Vince.

Bill Sowers of Hummelstown PA placed third in the mini-bike category with a restored 1970 Arctic Cat SScat.

Aaron Zeoli of Milford PA won 1st place with a 1972 Moto Loo restored trail sled 1967 – 1973. The 2016 National VSCA Show Champion Sled trophy also went to Aaron for the Moto Loo. Way to go Aaron! Congratulations.

Some of you may be saying Moto who? With over a hundred manufactures of sleds in the early 1970's it is hard to remember all

NATIONAL VINTAGE SNOWMOBILE SHOW



the different brand names. Moto Loo's were produced by a small company in Quebec, Industrie GL 2000 Inc. Coming to market with so much competition was tough. With only 300 sleds produced for the 1971 and 1972 model years, and the company not being profitable, they quit production of the Moto Loo. A complete history of the Moto Loo and all snowmobiles is in a three volume set of books by Pierre Pellerin. It's a must read for anyone into vintage sleds.

Aaron bought his Moto Loo from a man in Middleburg PA in July 2011. He started the full restoration in February 2013. The 440cc Kohler axial-fan motor just took a set of crank seals. The sled was completely disassembled and every part, nut, and bolt sorted. All the nuts and bolts were sent to Minnesota to be re-zinc plated to be reused. The sled has over 90% of its original hardware. Nothing was left untouched, the handle bars and grab rails were re-chromed. Bogie wheels were inspected and degreased, the track is original and just needed some TLC. The seat just needed a small tear in the trunk area repaired. The skis and chassis were straight and rust free. The hood needed some minor stress cracks repaired. All the painting and body work was done professionally using period correct paint and finish. A new windshield was made using the original as a pattern, graphics were reproduced and all the gauges restored.

Anyone who has ever restored anything knows it is a huge process. Bringing these old sleds back to pristine condition, especially the limited-build off-brand sleds is quite a task. So for Aaron to receive the National Champion trophy for 2016 equals a big job well done. It is this writers hope to have Aaron's Moto Loo on display at the PSSA Powersports Show at the Lebanon Co. fair grounds. Oct. 29 & 30 2016. Try to come out and see why the judges awarded the trophy to this fine sled.

Thank You, *Bill Sowers*

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CALENDAR OF PSSA & CLUB EVENTS:

- * September 10–Deadline for the Keystone Snowmobiler October issue
- * October 10–Deadline for the Keystone Snowmobiler November issue
- * October 28-30–PSSA Powersports Show, Lebanon Expo Center, Lebanon, PA
- * November 10–Deadline for the Keystone Snowmobiler December issue
- * December 10–Deadline for the Keystone Snowmobiler January 2017 issue

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MOVING FORWARD



Happy Labor Day! (Take time to rest and relax)

Welcome to all who are reading the Keystone Snowmobiler (KS) for the first time. This is the twenty-seventh (27) year that Peggy and Henry Hartman have published this monthly snowmobile paper. Pictures and articles of events in your area are always welcome. Businesses are encouraged to place ads with the paper. Most businesses provide a discount to Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association (PSSA) members.

Pennsylvania has over 6000 miles of snowmobile trails on State, Private, Game Commission and Allegheny National Forest property. Approximately half of these trails are maintained and groomed by Snowmobile Club Members. **Your Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association (PSSA) membership helps obtain grants and enables our Board to work to influence legislation which supports our sport.** Our continued support of these very important activities needs your membership. **Join on-line at www.pasnow.org** The KS is also available on line. You can also make a donation to the Snow Angel Fund to help medically needy children on your application.

Our Association is a grass roots effort to keep in contact with local Representatives/Senators. They need to hear from each of us. Yes, we need a state-wide snowmobile program which is streamlined and reimburses clubs for their expenses. Clubs are composed of volunteers who give of their time and talents for the benefit of all of us. Many of our clubs have been doing this for over forty years. Most clubs conduct fundraisers and raise from

approximately \$4,000 - \$20,000 annually. This money is used to buy equipment such as groomers and drags. This equipment can cost from \$15,000 for a drag to \$275,000 for a groomer. What an investment in outdoor recreation in the State. It is priceless!

We are "keeping an eye" on current legislation – HB 970 and SB 648. Accountability and Liability issues are a concern of everyone. Snowmobilers should benefit from what they worked long/hard and paid for to get the "Liquid Fuels Tax" passed. It was the snowmobilers who met, e- mailed and phoned representatives to push for this legislation. PSSA also paid the salary of the lobbyist who worked on this project.

SB 648 was recently passed by the legislature. This bill divides registration monies into two accounts based on the number of registered ATV's and Snowmobiles. Some would argue that snowmobilers received more than their share of these monies. Although I do not have current data for this "restricted account" I can say it was many years before snowmobile clubs received any funds for trail maintenance/grooming. I am currently attempting to obtain data concerning the use of restricted account funds and the "liquid fuels tax" money. SB 648 also changes the complexion of the State Advisory Committee. The liquid fuels tax monies remain untouched.

It is now the right time to advocate for an increase in the Snowmobile Registration Fee. Ten (\$10) dollars does not buy much these days. As promised in the last "Moving Forward" article I will detail what other states are charging for registration, permits and trail fees.

New York - Registration Fee \$45 - \$100 for one year (clubs who belong to State Assoc. members pay \$45) No Trail Pass (exceptions)

Michigan – Registration Fee \$30 for three years Antiques \$50 for Life Trail Permit - \$48

Illinois – Registration Fee \$30 for three years Trail Permit - \$25

Ohio – Registration Fee \$34.50 for three years

Quebec – Trail Permit \$60 – 580 - depends on days/season/when bought

Pennsylvania – Registration Fee \$20 for two years

We have been blessed by many volunteers from our clubs who have maintained over half the trails in Pennsylvania for over 45 years without charge. Most of these trails are open without cost to the public. The Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association (PSSA) Mini-grant Program does not cover all the costs of grooming and maintaining these trails. Costs are much higher than ever. **Times have changed. Club and PSSA memberships have declined in the last ten years. We need every snowmobiler to help cover the costs of maintaining over 6000 miles of snowmobile trails.**

PSSA is working on a proposal to increase the Registration Fee. It will have the potential to help clubs and put more dollars into trail maintenance and grooming across the state. We are working with elected officials to develop the correct wording for an appropriate presentation. I will keep you informed as we develop this proposal. It is only a proposal nothing is in final form. **Suggestions are always welcome.** Send them to me at: ottilia@roadrunner.com

By the time you are reading this article Mr. Robert Kirchner, past President of PSSA and I have met with Secretary Dunn of DCNR on August 30, 2016. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss a possible Partnership Plan with PSSA and promote an increase in the current Registration Fee. A state-wide snowmobile program is needed.

Roger Auker and Committee are planning a larger Powersports Show with more activities. This Show will be held at the Lebanon Expo

Center the last weekend of October. You can once again register your son/daughter for the Safety Class on-line on our website. Also tickets are in the mail for the trailers and sled drawing. If you need tickets contact Kathy Woolever at the Palmyra office. **Auction items and volunteers are also necessary.** Vendors will be waiting for you. The Used Sled/ATV Corral will be organized by Henry and Peggy Hartman and their loyal volunteers. Contact Roger with your questions/suggestions, auction items and times you can volunteer.

As stated in an earlier article the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) has established Focus Groups to discuss trail issues with various recreation groups. Snowmobilers are ready to help maintain the few snowmobile trails on Game Commission property. **It is important for all snowmobilers to stay on the trail on all trails or stay home. These Focus Groups continue to meet.**

PSSA Directors represent various regions of the state. If you have a suggestion, comment or issue please contact the nearest Director first. If not satisfied call me. I am always happy to speak with our members.

Remember to renew your PSSA membership on-line as soon as possible. Tickets for the trailers and snowmobile chanced off at the PowerSport Show are in the mail. Please return them promptly.

Think Snow,

Liz Krug, President

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NEWS FROM PSSA'S GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR



Hello, Pennsylvania Snowmobilers!

The Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association's (PSSA) grant program is one way, along with many others, that PSSA contributes to the sport of snowmobiling in Pennsylvania. Each year PSSA applies for grant funds to promote the sport across the state and for large grant funds to re-grant mini-grants to PA snowmobile clubs to help with trail expenses. Grant funds come from several sources such as the Pennsylvania Snowmobile/ATV fund, which PSSA was instrumental in getting established. This fund is administered by PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation and is funded by the liquid fuels tax from snowmobile fuel purchases. PSSA also applies to the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association and many county or regional tourism bureaus for special event support and promotional and marketing grants. When there are no administrative funds included in the grant, PSSA pays for time spent on grant research, applying for grants, and administering the grants. Your membership fees and donations help PSSA continue this work to support snowmobiling in Pennsylvania.

Below is the list of grant funds received since 2006 and the projects that were funded:

Mini-Grant Trail Projects – Total funds awarded: \$441,600. Since 2006, these funds have funded to date 129 projects carried out by 25 clubs across the state. These mini-grants are used for fuel, to repair equipment, and to repair, maintain, and groom snowmobile trails for all riders to enjoy. Club volunteers have logged close to **17,000 hours** maintaining or grooming trails at a value of approximately **\$394,000.**

PSSA applied to DCNR for another grant for mini-grants in April, 2016, but has not yet heard if that grant will be awarded.

Navigational Signage and GPS – Total: \$73,500 for three phases. PSSA's goal with this project is to obtain consistent trail signage system across the state by improving the trail-marking system in the state and bringing Pennsylvania in line with best practices of snowbelt states, while also addressing problems of navigation and safety that plague both local and visiting snowmobile riders. It involves

club volunteers GPS-ing the trails and marking intersections on maps and posting intersection signs with a consistent numbering system in 24 Pennsylvania counties in the snowbelt. Former PSSA Board Member, Glen Knisely, was instrumental in coordinating the volunteers and field work involved with this project.

Marketing Grant from PA Department of Community and Economic Development – \$50,000. PSSA purchased four web cameras to post in four key snowmobiling areas of the state. These web cameras provide live streaming of trail conditions directly to the PSSA website. This grant also paid for services to create the "Pennsylvania Snowmobiling" Facebook page and conduct a Facebook advertising campaign, which built over 9500 likes for this page. This project helped to build awareness and provide a mechanism to interact with Pennsylvania and out-of-state snowmobilers, promoting the sport in the process.

VisitErie Cooperative Marketing Grant – \$8,000. PSSA partnered with Presque Isle Downs and Casino and Baymont Inn and Suites in Erie for a snowmobiling package and created a TV spot promoting PSSA and snowmobiling in the Erie area. This was also an effort to market snowmobile clubs in the Erie area in the hopes of increasing their membership.

Grants from International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association

2009-10: "Take a Friend Snowmobiling: Ride for Disabled Veterans and Citizens with Special Needs" – **\$4,000.** Presque Isle Snowmobile Club's house and trails.

2010-11: Erie County Leadership Luncheon in Erie and "Take A Friend Snowmobiling: Ride for Disabled Veterans and Friends" – **\$4,000.** Presque Isle Snowmobile Club's house and trails.

2011-12: "Have PSSA~Will Travel: Outreach for Pennsylvania Snowmobiling" – **\$1,288.** This project enabled PSSA to invite local leaders and clubs in Potter County to attend a luncheon, hear PSSA's presentation, and participate in dialogue on promoting snowmobiling in that area.

2012-13: "Economic Impact Study of Snowmobiling in Pennsylvania" – **\$4,000.** This project involved hiring a consultant to survey snowmobile riders and their needs and to provide a report on the economic impact and importance of snowmobiling in Pennsylvania. The report from this study is posted on the PSSA website.

2013-14: "PSSA Reaches Out" – **\$4,000.** This project involved three sub-projects.



- Middle PA Movers and Shakers Luncheon in St. Marys, PA, to make a presentation and develop relationships with leaders in that area. Representatives Gabler and Causer were in attendance and made presentations.

- Attendance at high concentration events – Sneak Peek in Harrisburg, McKean Poker Run, NEP Vintage SMB Ride, Potter County Vintage Snowfest, Avalanche Xpress event, Bear Creek Mountain Resort Snowmobile Climb, Snowmobile Hill Drag at Ski Denton, NEP Sno-Trails Iron Dogs Vintage SMB and Swap Meet.

- Facebook Membership Building Promotion- Members who were current as of the date of a drawing were eligible for a \$1,000 cash prize provided by the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association.

If you know of grant opportunities in your county or region, please send a quick email to me of the grant name and contact person, and I will follow up. Also, feel free to contact me if you have questions about PSSA's grant program.

In addition, if your club is a legally constituted snowmobile club in Pennsylvania and is not receiving email announcements or mailings of open grant cycles, please let me know the name of the club and the email address or address to which these announcements should be sent.

Have a great snowmobiling season!

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Above and Below: A mini-grant funded trail improvement project performed by the Presque Isle SMC.





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Hello everyone.

It is a HOT and HUMID July evening and I am thinking about snowmobiling.

We have a couple of fund-raisers going on.

First we are having a summer Fun Run (poker run) August 27.

Also we are raffling off 2 Tickets to the Browns vs Steelers game in Pittsburgh January 1st 2017 seats are 8 rows from the field Steelers

side of the stadium. Chances are \$5.00 ea. or 5 for \$20.00 winning ticket will be drawn Sept 17th at our membership meeting.

Contact me @ 814-720-6584 to purchase tickets.

All profits from these events will be used to improve snowmobiling in the Pymatuning area.

Please see flyer below for more information.

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Denny Diodati

SAFETY CLASS IN MARIENVILLE

With all the hot weather this summer it seems like winter is forever away.

But, Lord willing, we will have the same abundance of snow this winter as we have had sunshine this summer.

With fall fast approaching, we have begun getting ready for our annual Snowmobile Safety Course. As in prior years, the class in Forest County will be a combined effort of the Marienville Trail Riders and the Forest County Snowmobile Club.

This year's class will be held at the MACA Building in Marienville. It's not hard to find. Just go to the 6-way intersection downtown and look for the sign.

The class will be on Saturday, November 12 from 8 to 4. Parents are welcome to stay. We will have a light breakfast and pizza for lunch. Kids ages 10 to 15 are required to have a Safety Course certification prior to operating a snowmobile on approved trails. Kids ages 9 can take the course if they will turn 10 prior to the end of snowmobile season that year.

We pride ourselves on having a fun, interactive and educational class. We will have Tootsie Roll Trivia by yours truly. Don, our resident "Vanna White", will once again review our hand signals and safety. Ray, Ed, Ray and Larry will go over trail maps. Mickey and Dan will be on hand for the latest in safety snowmobile clothing. We will have snowmobiles on hand for parts identification and safety review.

The Forest County Sheriff Department will as in past years have a Deputy on hand to go over the rules of the road for snowmobiling.

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Fall has arrived and we are one step closer to riding season. Why not come out and join us at the Grass Drag Races to really get your blood pumping in anticipation of winter? The Drag Races will be held on Sunday, October 2nd and Sunday, October 23rd. Spectator fees are \$8.00 with pit passes available for an additional \$4.00. Racer registration starts at 8:00, time trials start at 11:00, and the main racing begins at noon. There will be club information booths, and vendors for you to check out. Food concession is on site, and parking is free. Any questions about the drag races can be answered by Sheila Knupp at her email address grassdraggers@hotmail.com Additional information is available on the club website: www.lhsc.net.

At our July workday, our Snowmobiler of the Year nominees, Allan Knupp and Linda Walker, worked together cleaning and organizing the garage. They built a shelf unit to hold additional supplies with the aid of Junior Walker. Sheila, Art, and Kenny worked on the track seeding, watering, and spreading hay. Scott worked on weed control and Shelly cleaned the clubhouse. New tables have also been installed inside the club. It was a productive day. The mowing committee, George Sweigard, John Felice and

Jim Wilkinson welcomed the additional skills of Allan Knupp in taming the grass. The four of them keep it looking great.

The August workday focused on preparations for the annual picnic. The picnic was held on Saturday, August 13. Covered dishes were supplied by club members with hotdogs, hamburgers, pop, etc. supplied by the club. George Verbanic once again volunteered to cook for the event, Jim Wilkinson set up a DJ booth, and Bob Ainsley offered a hayride to all.

Election ballots were sent out last month, and are due on or before the September meeting. We will be welcoming the new or returning board members, and electing officers that night. Bob Ainsley, Steve Matscherz, and Bob Serfozo are the three members due to leave the board unless re-elected. Thank you gentlemen for the terrific work you have done for our organization. September's meeting is also the annual meeting to summarize the past fiscal year's events.

The annual snowmobile safety class is coming up soon. The class will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday, November 12, 2016, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. DCNR requires any youth

between the ages of 10-16 to be certified in order to operate a snowmobile on state lands. Our class is very unique. We have state certified instructors with state clearances to teach the class. We REQUIRE an adult to take the class with the student. We do this for several reasons. Bonding with the student is the main reason, (whether the student is their son or daughter or grandchild), plus in many cases the adults learn more than the kids. We have had grandparents in their late 70's-80's in the class tell us they learned something. The class is held both inside and outside. When we go outside we divide the group in half because we usually get a large number taking the class. In the past, we have had between 42-60 students taking the class. Contact Jim Wilkinson to register at 724-925-2073, orjwwilk@hotmail.com. We make name tags for everyone and we will feed you lunch and snacks during the day.

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 8th. The Workday is Saturday, September 10th. Our Race dates are October 2nd, and 23rd.

Until next time live life to its fullest:
Jim Wilkinson & Shelly Buckles

Right: Allan Knupp and Linda Walker building shelves, and cleaning the garage. They are our Snowmobile Club Member of the Year nominees.



Below: Johnny Felice has returned to the mowing committee.



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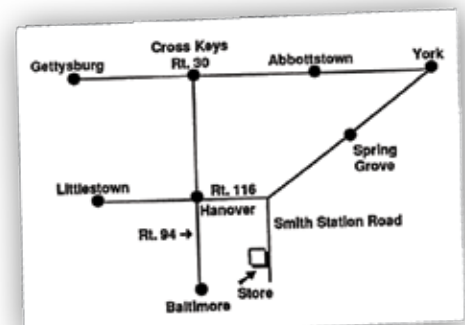
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SNOWRIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Greetings from the SnowRiders up in McKean PA. We are in Erie County, the heart of the Snow Belt! We are hoping for a good riding season for the upcoming season with lots of "Lake Effect" snow.

We have been busy over the summer months this year. We had over 20 members show up for our semi-annual road cleanup. Lots of people make the work go fast and we all had fun! We also had a Summer Picnic for the club members. Naturally, it was on one of the few rainy days of the summer! Oh well, we all still had fun and good food.

In August, we participated in McKean Community Days. We set up a booth and promoted our club, PSSA, and the overall sport of snowmobiling. Lots of good publicity and even got 3 new members signed up for our club! And, I got to be a Pie Judge! I had to taste 26 different home baked pies! A tough job, but someone had to do it. You know, Community Service and all...

Don't forget to come up for our Poker Run. It is planned for Sunday, January 8th, or the first Sunday that has sufficient snow for a great ride! Last January we had 161 sleds participate. We had about 11 different groups out on the trails

riding. Some rode from McKean into NY, some went into Ohio, and some rode around the Erie county snow-belt stopping at local businesses that support our club and sport.

We are continuing to expand our trail system. With a little luck and lots of work, we will have at least five new landowners and another new trail section added this season!

You can now join the McKean Snow Riders on FACEBOOK! Here you can get trail updates and post or read comments about our trails and club. Currently we have over 1,000 people that have joined our FaceBook page!

Any questions, check out our website or contact me.

Don Weaver

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Above: Don Mosier working at the McKean SnowRiders booth.

Below: Tim Weaver & Craig Huegel's snowmobiles getting lots of attention.





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The Dutch Trail Cutters SMC recently presented the Pleasant Hill Volunteer Fire Company with a check for \$500. to help defray the cost of a new Rescue Boggan tow-sled, built by Equinox. Pictured are (from left) Fire Chief Ted Clouser, Company President Mike Hampton, and Dutch Trail Cutters Secretary Peggy Hartman. The Pleasant Hill VFC serves portions of York and Adams Counties in PA and northern Carroll County, Maryland.



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CHICKAREE RIDGE RUNNERS SMC

Hello from The Chickaree Ridge Runners Recreation and Rescue Snowmobile Club. With all this heat and humidity we've been having lately, is anyone else ready for snow? Things are kinda quiet around the club right now. We've held a few work days this summer, we replaced 4 fence posts along our race tracks' starting line. We also replaced 2 of the windows in the announcers stand. Thanks to Don and Mark Croft, Gene Martin, Jeff Croft, Dr. Don Leckey, Chuck Baligush, and Eric Driekorn for helping out with these projects. Thanks to Don and Mark Croft for keeping the grass mowed over the summer.

We have an Altoona Curve Game planned for August 14th, we will have a picnic buffet and fireworks after the game. As of now we have 16 guys scheduled for Maine next year. I hope they have snow for next years trip. Thanks to Dr. Don Leckey for planning our trips!

Our Safety Course is scheduled for January 14, 2017. Please contact Clint Elias to register at (724) 349-5369. The class is limited to 30 students. For more info, or to join our club, it is open to the public, a single membership is \$10 per year and a family membership is \$15 per year. Call Martin Marine at (814) 749-9931 or visit our website at www.chickareeridgerunners.com (I try to keep it up to date). Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month from Sept. thru April and the first Thursday from May thru Aug. They start at 8:00pm and are held at our clubhouse.

As always, THINK SNOW,
Sincerely,

Chuck Baligush, Vice President



GOD'S COUNTRY BLACK FOREST SMC

Howdy, from a hot and very dry top of the mountain, Pigeon Hill Road, Germania, PA. We made a few small changes to our "By-laws" at the August meeting. There will be 7 Board of Directors instead of the 9 current directors. We also accepted Tom Polonia's resignation from the Board of Directors. Tom will still be active in our club for years to come. I want to thank Tom for all of his years of service as a hard worker and a director. Good job Tom! We need more active people like you have been.

Our summer picnic is fast approaching, and we still have tickets to sell for our 500 cash drawing and our raffles. Also, we still need a few more people to help work on this day. It is Saturday, September 3rd, 2016. Don't forget to bring a covered dish to pass and your items to sell at the flea market-swap meet.

Next date to mark on your calendar: Saturday, September 17, 2016. This is work detail from 8:00 am until ?? . Lunch will be served. We need ATV's, chain and pole saws, weed-eaters, etc. for trail clearing. Also we need a crew for staining and painting. Grab your favorite brush and roller and stop by. We will also be servicing the groomer and drag, plus general cleaning of our club house and pavilion.

Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 7:30 am until 4:30 pm is the PA State Snowmobile Safety class. Lunch will be served. To sign up, call Rick Yonkin at 814.435.2389 or Bryan Junkins @ 717.418.5107.

Some good news to pass along is that ATV's and UTV's are now allowed to ride on our township roads. Machines must be registered, and have liability insurance. Wearing of helmets is required. Please keep off of our trails on private property. Thank You! We have plenty of parking at our club for trucks and trailers, plus a ramp for unloading machines.

As always, live life to its fullest spend time in the mountains, join a club and be active. Safe travels to all.
I'm out of here!

Bryan Junkins, President
God's Country Black Forest Snowmobile Club

SOUTHERN POTTER SNOWMOBILE CLUB

A warm hello or maybe hot too. Yes it is extremely hot and dry, very dry with streams and springs drying up!

Our monthly meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month, held at the East Fork Sportsmen Club at 9:00 a.m. September through May.

At this time I need to inform everyone that our Secretary-Treasurer, Ed Lawver, had a very serious stroke. Ed is now paralyzed on the whole right side and is not able to speak. This occurred back in April. Being admitted to Hershey Medical Center for several weeks, he was then moved to York Hospital for a period of time, and then moved on to Health South, back to York Hospital and as of August 8th, his wife Joan, said Ed is being moved to Colonial Manor of York.

Work has been continuing all summer. We installed three 18" pipes on the East Fork railroad bed along with extensions on others. We have been back blading trails. We need help trimming and removing brush. Some boards have been replaced and some bridges widened.

At this time, Matt Bollinger will assume the responsibility of Secretary-Treasurer. You may contact Matt at 717-600-7066 or John Fox at 814-647-8440.

I have been visiting with Ed the last four weeks and have seen some improvement. Ed has had many issues and we all hope everything is improving.

We are asking for everyone's thoughts and prayers to get Ed back to doing what he likes.

John Fox, President

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Kinzua Sky Walk

The Kinzua Viaduct built of steel in 1900 stood for over 100 years. In 2003, an F1 tornado swept through the Kinzua Gorge, picking up 11 of the huge steel towers, then sending them crashing to the bottom of the Gorge. Within 30 seconds, nature had brought the mighty span to its knees. The fallen towers of the bridge have been left where Mother Nature tossed them as an exhibit of the power of wind. The natural state of the forest ravished by the tornado is a living demonstration of forest regeneration.

Following the tornado, six of the original steel towers from the Kinzua Viaduct were reinvented as the Kinzua Sky Walk. The towers were reinforced with new bridge decking, railroad tracks were repaired, and a partial glass overlook was added at the end of what is now the Kinzua Sky Walk. The skywalk allows visitors to once again experience the thrill of "walking the tracks across the sky."

Park amenities include forest shaded picnic areas and hiking trails. The Kinzua Creek Trail is a challenging trail to the bottom of the gorge where visitors can view the fallen towers; the General Kane Trail is an easy trail suitable for families. To enjoy a picnic at the park, stop at one of the nearby restaurants or grocery stores to pick up supplies for your lunch on the way to the park. Currently, there are no food services available at the park.

Fall Foliage Viewing at Kinzua and the Nearby Allegheny National Forest

Fall foliage season usually begins the last two weeks of September. Full fall color is usually the first two weeks of October. The Kinzua Skywalk offers 360 degrees of stunning vistas of the Kinzua Gorge covered in the seasonal fall colors of brilliant golds, rusty oranges and scarlets. USA Today rated the nearby Longhouse National Scenic Byway as the number one scenic byway in Pennsylvania. This byway is perfect for long, slow, excursions to take in the beautiful colors of the fall foliage along the 27-mile byway which includes the developed overlooks of Rimrock and Jakes Rocks. Another fun way to view the fall foliage is by ATV at Majestic Kamps and Lost Trails in Rew. Or you can enjoy a fly over of the Kinzua Sky Walk and the Park, from an open cockpit during an airplane ride in a bi-plane offered by Vintage Airplane Rides flying out of the Bradford Regional Airport.

Plan Your Trip

The Kinzua Bridge State Park is open daily from 8 am to dusk during the fall season. Driving directions for the Kinzua Bridge State Park, Google Map GPS are: 296 Viaduct Road, Mt. Jewett, PA. 16740. Phone is 814-778-5467. A wide variety of accommodations, from a plush 4-star lodge to rustic camping, are available. It is suggested you make your reservations early for the fall season. The villages of Kane, Mt. Jewett, Smethport, Port Allegany and Bradford provide amenities for travelers visiting the area. Charming shops and locally owned restaurants offer unique shopping and delicious home-style cooking. To assist in your planning call 800-473-9370 or visitANF.com.

HYNER MOUNTAIN SMC

Hello from Hyner Mt. Snowmobile Club. Just wanted to let everyone know what has been happening up on the mountain. Well, things are still pretty slow up at the lodge. However, things will be picking up real soon. September will have us all back at the lodge as our monthly meetings will be resuming. Not only does it mean that we will be starting to spend some more time at the lodge, but it also means that the new snowmobile season is less than three months away! September is a great month!

As I had mentioned, things will be picking up at the lodge. The weather will be starting to cool off; by the end of the month it usually starts to get a little cool in the evenings. September is also the start of football: high school, college, and the NFL. Then there's pre-season NHL hockey! Again, September is a great month! Let's talk about something snowmobile related.

As you may know and have surely seen throughout this months' issue, the Powersports

Show is coming up in October. The PSSA show committee seemed to have worked very hard in the past several months in upgrading this year's show. Sounds like it will be a good show; so, mark the dates on your calendars. We will have a booth at the show; if you're there and see us, stop by and say hello. Maybe, just maybe, we will talk about snowmobiles and snowmobiling...LOL.

Speaking of marking your calendars, our annual Snowmobile Safety Class will be held this year on November 20th; class will run from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.; and, lunch will be provided by the lodge. Parents are very welcome to attend. This year our class will be held on a Sunday due to the PA bear season starting on Saturday the 19th. Anyone interested in signing up their young riders can either call: 570-875-3006, or e-mail dcasey@ptd.net. Well that's about all for now. Talk to ya next month.

Dan Casey

SNOWMOBILE CLUB OF ADAMS COUNTY

Our club is gearing up for another snowmobile season. We have our meetings September through April so our first meeting for the upcoming season will be already over as you are reading this. It is hard to believe that the summer is almost over and the leaves will soon be changing colors once again. Normally this gets me excited and I get our club website updated from not doing much with it over the summer and I get meeting reminders sent out to club members as I am thinking of snow like children thinking of Santa at Christmas. However our club got some bad news this past week. A member and dear friend Bryan Westfall died of a heart attack at work. But Bryan was more than just another member, he was the Club President last year. He was always there to volunteer when needed. At just 38 years old he was taken from us too soon. I have known Bryan since grade school and we graduated from the same class in 1995. Although we knew each other we were not 'best buds' in school. It was not until later in life when I randomly ran into Bryan at a campground that we started to become friends. We realized that we both had the love for camping and snowmobiling. And that's one of the things I love about our sport is how it brings people together. If it had not been for snowmobiling

Right: Bryan and his family, he loved his family more than anything else.

Below: Bryan with other members of the club. He is the one standing in the middle.

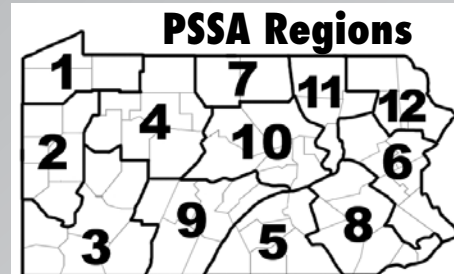
I would not had the time I spent with him last year on our club trip to Maine. Bryan was truly a great lovable friend, dad, husband and the list goes on to all that knew Bryan. Like most snowmobile buddies Bryan would take jabs at me about my Arctic Cat and I would return a few jabs about his Polaris and then we would both laugh and agree that we would ride anything that was running if there was snow on the ground but we had our favorites. Through our club I got to know his wonderful family. My prayers go out to them in this difficult time. In closing I will leave everyone with this. Please cherish the time you spend with friends and family. You never know when life gets cut short with them. Until we meet again to ride in heaven rest in peace.

Your friend,

Travis Mathna,
Snowmobile Club of Adams County



SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASSES



County Date Time	PSSA Region Location Sponsor	Contact
Potter County October 15 7:30am-4:30pm	Region 7 God's Country Black Forest SMC Clubhouse, Germania, PA God's Country Black Forest SMC	Rick Yonkin 814-435-2389 or Bryan Junkins 717-418-5107
Berks County October 22 8:00am-4:00pm	Region 8 Trinity U.C.C. of Rehrersburg, Rehrersburg PA Appalachian Snowmobile Club	Ann Riegel at 717-933-1039 or sariiegel@comcast.net Pre-registration required by September 30th
Lebanon County October 29 8:00am-4:00pm	Region 8 PSSA Powersports Show- Lebanon, PA Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association	PSSA - 1-888-411-PSSA or www.pasnow.org
Lehigh County November 5 7:30am-4:30pm	Region 6 Blackman's Cycle Center, Emmaus, PA Blackman's Cycle Center	Blackman's - 610-965-9865
York County November 12 8:00am-4:00pm	Region 5 Conway-Runkle Annex of Dubs Church, Hanover, PA F&S Yamaha, SMC of Adams County, Pigeon Hills SMC	F&S Yamaha 717-632-6382 Limited to 40 students
Forest County November 12 8:00am-4:00pm	Region 4 MACA Building, Pine St Marienville PA Forest County SMC & Marienville Trail Riders SMC	Nelda Martin 724-664-4951 Medic1307@yahoo.com or Ed Fiejdasz 814-927-8767
Westmoreland County November 12 8:30am-4:30pm	Region 3 Laurel Highlands Snowmobile Clubhouse, Donegal, PA Laurel Highlands SMC	Jim Wilkinson at 724-925-2073 or jwwilk@hotmail.com
Clinton County November 20 7:30am-4:00pm	Region 10 Hyner Mountain Snowmobile Club Hyner Mountain Snowmobile Club	Dan Casey at 570-875-3006 or dcasey@ptd.net Limited to 30 students
Lancaster County December 3 8:00am-4:00pm	Region 8 Akron Fire Company, Akron, PA Sports 'N Turf of Lancaster & Dutch Trail Cutters SMC	Janet Auker - 717-859-5455 or 1-866-791-6384 Limited to 40 students
Cambria County Jan. 14, 2017 8:00am-4:30pm	Region 9 Chickaree Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club Chickaree Ridge Runners SMC & Martin Marine Sales, Inc.	Clint Elias 724-349-5369 Class Limited to 30 Students

SAFETY CLASS REMINDER

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USED SLED CORRAL 2016

This will be another very exciting year for the PSSA Powersports Show Used Sled Corral. The Used Sled Corral has become one of the most popular features of the show, and this year we'll again enjoy that excitement with the show at Lebanon in October.

The building at Lebanon allows us to offer "drive-thru service" for unloading and loading of sleds and trailers. Persons wishing to bring units in for consignment will need to complete the necessary paperwork prior to driving into the building.

We've mentioned Used Sleds (snowmobiles) and Trailers, but don't forget we also include ATV's and Motorcycles. If you have something to sell, or are looking to buy, this is the place where you can see a larger selection than you'll find anywhere else. The Powersports Show has very often had more than 100 used snowmobiles and more than 30 used trailers for sale. You folks all across the state – here is your opportunity to turn those used machines into cash, so make plans now to bring them to Lebanon in October.

Dealers are always welcome to bring used sleds and other units into the Corral. It's the best way to find a buyer for that machine that's

been just waiting for the right owner. Private sellers and dealers alike are encouraged to contact us with basic information of the machines you'll be bringing to sell. Your sleds, trailers, ATV's and motorcycles will be listed right here in the Keystone Snowmobiler in the October issue for the show. Remember that the deadline is always the 10th of the month prior to publication. Contact us by Sept. 10th to be listed in the October edition.

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PA Snowmobile/ATV Accident and Youth Safety Training Statistics

As of February 22, 2016

Snowmobile Accidents

- In calendar year 2015, the number of snowmobile accidents reported were **14** with 7 known injuries, including **3** fatalities.
- In calendar year 2016, the number of snowmobile accidents reported thus far was **1** with **1** known injury, including **0** fatalities.

ATV Accidents

- In calendar year 2015, the number of ATV accidents reported were **274** with **218** known injuries, including **34** fatalities.
- In calendar year 2016, the number of ATV accidents reported thus far were **2** with **1** known injury, including **1** fatality.

Youth Safety Training Instructors

- Currently, there are **83** active youth snowmobile safety instructors and **66** active youth ATV safety instructors.
- In calendar year 2015, ATV youth safety training for new instructors was not scheduled. This was due to lack of participants as well as the budget impasse.
- In calendar year 2016, ATV youth safety training for new instructors has been scheduled for this spring at the Bald Eagle State Forest District Office.

Youth Safety Training Classes

- In calendar year 2015, **24** snowmobile safety classes were presented to a total of **286** students, ages 10 to 15.
- In calendar year 2015, **85** ATV safety classes were presented to a total of **294** students. Of those **294** students, **65** were ages 8 to 9 and **229** were ages 10 to 15.

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Join PENNSYLVANIA STATE SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION For Pennsylvania's COOLEST ride! To Join or Renew Online for 2016: Go to www.pasnow.org



Member Information () New () Renewal Member ID: _____

Name or Organization: _____

Contact Name for Organization: _____

Website for Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County where you live: _____ Township where you live: _____

Phone: () _____ E-Mail: _____

I ONLY wish to receive the "Keystone Snowmobiler" electronically by email. (You must supply your email address.)

Membership Category: (PM = Premium Membership)

- Individual Standard (\$25) Family Standard (\$25)
Individual Snow Burst PM (\$45) Family Snow Burst PM (\$45)
Individual Storm PM (\$65) Family Storm PM (\$65)
Individual Blizzard PM (\$105) Family Blizzard PM (\$105)
Snowmobile Dealer (\$35) Accessory Dealer (\$35)
Associate (\$35) Snowmobile Club (\$35)

Additional donation to PSSA: _____

Number of Snowmobilers in Family Membership: _____ Club Member? Yes () No ()

Which club(s)? _____

Are You Interested in Receiving Information about Clubs in Your Area? Yes () No ()

Occupation/Expertise: _____

Are you willing to assist during snow emergencies? Yes () No ()

Telephone number for this purpose: _____

Township where you live: _____

Physical Address: _____ (If different than mailing address above.)

Are you interested in PSSA Volunteer Opportunities (local events, PA Powersports Show, etc.)? Yes () No ()

Please make checks payable to "PSSA", and mail to 42 West Main Street, Palmyra, PA 17078

For credit card payment please mail or fax to: 717-236-2046

MasterCard () VISA () Acc't No. _____ CVV Code on back: _____

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